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REFORMA Announces the 2020 Winners of Noche de Cuentos Mini Grants

Los Angeles, CA - REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking, congratulates the 2020 Noche de Cuentos Mini-Grants Winners. REFORMA believes that storytelling and oral traditions are key to the transmission and preservation of culture, as well as a significant tool in developing literacy skills. [Noche de Cuentos](#) was launched in 2010 to promote and preserve the art of storytelling within our Latino communities in the U.S. Each winning organization will receive \$300 to support their Noche de Cuentos programs during Latino Heritage Month.

The winners of the 2020 REFORMA Noche de Cuentos Mini-Grants are:

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Public Library / Zoraida Martinez - Santa Clarita, CA
Cuentos del Puente de Recuerdos

Newport Public Library / Laura Kimberly - Newport, OR
Noche de Cuentos

Tulare Public Library / Carol Lovos - Tulare, CA
Noche de Cuentos: A Bilingual Evening for Families

Fox River Valley Public Library / Monica Boyer - East Dundee, IL
Storytime with a Luchador

Prince George's County Memorial Library System / Vilma Sandoval-Sall - Prince George's County, MD
Maya Weaving Alive!

Pomona Public Library / Anita Torres - Pomona, CA
Los Pollitos Dicen - Celebrate Latino Heritage With Us!

San Diego County LGBTQ Latinx Coalition / Ady Huertas - San Diego, CA
Queer BIPOC Noche de Cuentos

REFORMA thanks the 2020 Noche de Cuentos Mini-Grants Selection Committee:

- Stefanie Bailey, Youth Services, Las Vegas Clark County Library District
- Erin Downey Howerton, Youth Services Manager, Wichita Public Library
- Maria F. Estrella, Chair of REFORMA's Children's and Young Adult Services Committee (CAYASC), Cleveland Public Library
- Elisa Garcia, Unit Head-Teen Services Department, Bronx Library Center, The New York Public Library, Reforma Northeast Vice-President/ President Elect 2020-2021
- Lucia M. Gonzalez, Library Director, North Miami Public Library, Vice President/President Elect ALSC, REFORMA President 2010-11, Noche de Cuentos Founder
- Emily Harris, Library Associate, Siouxland Libraries, Oak View Branch
- David Lopez, Marketing & Communications Librarian, OC Public Libraries,
- Western Region Chapter Representative REFORMA National 2017-2021
- Cristina E. Mitra, Family Engagement Coordinator, San Francisco Public Library, 2009 Spectrum Scholar
- Alma Ramos-McDermott, Media Specialist, Lake Trafford Elementary School, Immokalee, Florida, REFORMA National Secretary 2020-22, Chair REFORMA de Florida Vision 2020 Task Force, 2007 Spectrum Scholar

The program coordinator was Madeline Peña, Digital Content Manager, Los Angeles Public Library, REFORMA President 2018-19, Technology Committee Co-Chair.

We thank everyone who applied for our Noche de Cuentos Mini-Grant Program—we received 15 eligible submissions (of a total of 22 submissions). If you would like to support future Noche de Cuentos Mini-Grants, consider making a donation to REFORMA at reformaprogram.org/donate.

REFORMA is a national organization of library and information professionals committed to promoting the development of library collections that include Spanish language and Latino oriented materials. The organization strongly advocates for culturally relevant and linguistically appropriate library services, programs and materials to meet the information and cultural needs of the Latino community.

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